

**Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Man-Made Fiber Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Maldives**

August 13, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In 1983, the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Maldives agreed to amend their Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of letters dated December 29, 1981 and March 22, 1982, to require the use of a standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with the year of quota.

Effective on September 1, 1996, all export visas issued by the Republic of Maldives for cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products in Categories 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459 and 630-659, produced or manufactured in Maldives and exported from Maldives on and after September 1, 1996, must contain the nine-digit visa number, beginning with the last digit of the year of export rather than the year of quota. During the period September 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, U.S. Customs will accept either the new or the old visa number format. Goods exported on and after October 1, 1996 shall be denied entry if not accompanied by an appropriate export visa, beginning with the correct year of export.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the visa requirements to require the use of the standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code and a six digit numeric serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 6MV123456.

See 47 FR 36879, published on August 24, 1992.

Troy H. Cribb,  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on August 18, 1982, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Maldives which were not properly visaed by the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

Effective on September 1, 1996, all export visas issued by the Republic of Maldives for cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel in Categories 237, 239, 330-359, 431-459 and 630-659, produced or manufactured in Maldives and exported from Maldives on and after September 1, 1996, must contain the nine-digit visa number, beginning with the last digit of the year of export rather than the year of quota. During the period September 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, you are directed to accept either the new or the old visa number format. Goods exported on and after October 1, 1996 must be accompanied by a visa which contains the standard nine-digit visa number, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code and a six digit numeric serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 6MV123456.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,  
*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Turkey**

August 13, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 14, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6718. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for carryover, carryforward and swing.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 57576, published on November 16, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 9, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on August 14, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for in the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing: